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A note from our Pastor...

Happy Father's Day!

Any man can be a Father, but it takes a special person to be called Dad.

Father's Day began with a little girl named Sonora Smart. Her mother had died and she was raised by her father. On Mother's Day in 1909, she was listening to a sermon about mothers. She wanted her father to also feel special for the many sacrifices that he had made and the love he showed to her. Because her father's birthday was in June, she decided to have a Father's day celebration. This happened in 1910 on the 19th of June.

In 1926, a committee was formed in New York City. In 1972, President Richard Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the third Sunday of June. Our earthly fathers give us love and guidance that we use in our world today.

Faithful fathers understand their role in the home as dictated by the word of God. They follow Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

We also have a heavenly Father who does this and more. He loves us and cares for us. This year celebrate your father and be thankful to your heavenly Father for his love and guidance through the Holy Spirit.

~ In Christ,

Rev. Bill

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Begins June 26
9 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE

What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... DAD

Author is unknown

YOUTH SUNDAY - June 12. The service will include Teacher's Appreciation, and Schueler Scholarships will be awarded.

FATHER'S DAY & LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - June 19

OUTDOOR SUMMER WORSHIP begins Sunday, June 26, at 9 AM. Outdoor services will take place in the Pavilion. (No childcare during summer months.)



SUNDAY MORNING PARTICIPANTS

Acolytes

June 5 Gigi Raymond
June 12 Casey Nistor
June 19 Sydney Capasso

Greeters

June 5 Hope & Bill Nizamoff
June 12 -
June 19 -

Lay Readers

June 5 Emma Rich
June 12 Youth Sunday
June 19 Paul Rich
June 26 Shirley Jones

Coffee Fellowship

June 5 Dawn Goetz
June 12 -
June 19 -

Ushers: Team 3

David Kaznica - Leader
Dan Barrett
David Bell
Steve Jankowski
Pamela Kaznica
Bob Majewski
Gary Rich
Bob Velazquez

Altar Guild

Karen Cuddihy & Shirley Haberman

Children's Church

June 5 Sue Rich & Nicole Rich
June 12 Kruszka Family;
Book'Lynn Clausell
K-2nd: Sharon & Gigi Raymond
June 19 Kaznica Family;
Ryan Goetz
K-2nd: Vanessa Rich & Casey Nistor

Children can worship with their families during the summer.

May Worship

Attendance:

May 1 88
May 8 138
May 15 133
May 22 95
May 29



Faith Milestones



Confirmation Sunday

On June 5, we will celebrate the faith journey of Nicole Rich as she is confirmed. A reception will follow the service.

Tyler J. Myers was baptized on May 15 ~ beginning a life-long journey of faith.



BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES
JUNE

Marilynn Fenske	1
Shirley Stickler	1
Erin Cuddihy	2
Joann Ertel	2
Sarah Cuddihy	3
Aaron Ertel	3
Andy Federmann	4
Christian Kanaley	4
Andrew Velazquez	5
Jessie Gillette	6
Joyce Kaupa	6
Katie Nowak	11
Steve Jankowski	12
Joan Haney	15
Travis Meyers	15
Keith Kanaley	16
Michael Meyers	17
Gary Burdick	18
Curt Pitcher	18
Sharon Raymond	18
Maxine Helm	19
Juliet Hoffritz	22
Roger Corlett	27
Lois McMoil	28
Shea Hamm	29
Tammy Kruszka	30
Diane Miltz	30



Margie & Dennis
Phillips
June 22, 1990

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Judy Gates (Robin Federmann's aunt)
 Susie Acanfora (Cheryl Larson's cousin)
 Delaney (Bob Miller's granddaughter)
 Karen Kaitanowski

Those in the Military & Veterans
 Stephen Ministers & their
 Care Receivers

Those who are Homebound:
 Sy & Peggy LaVett

Those Residing in Assisted Living:
 Maxine Helm
 Lois McMoil
 Jan Poppendeck
 Miriam Sheffield

**CHANGE
of ADDRESS**

LeRoy & Dotty Crossley
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Shirley Jones received her 75-year Girl Scout pin at the Creekside Service Unit's Award Ceremony.

Congratulations!

Is There a Waiting Room

Is there a waiting room where we can wait to see our God

Is it a room where we can sit and remember our lives

The good we did or if we hurt anyone we loved

Or those we meet along the way

To think about those we are to meet

Who we have loved and are waiting there for us

And when God calls us from the waiting room

With joy we shall go to meet our God

And be with Him forevermore.

by Shirley S. Jones

Women's Bible Study Group

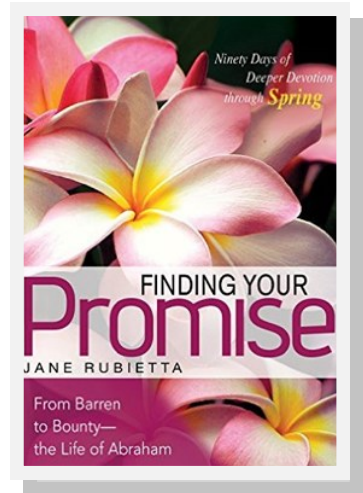
All ladies are invited to join in our first study, using "Finding Your Promise," by Jane Rubeita. This "deeper devotional" give us 90 days of daily devotions, discovering the abundant promises God has for our lives by studying the lives of Abraham and Sarah in the book of Genesis.

Summer Study Group

3rd Monday of each month (June 20, July 18, August 15)

7:00–8:30 PM, in the Fellowship Hall

For our first study, we will journey together through this three-month "deeper" devotional which leads us through Genesis 12-25, in search for the promise of new life...from barren to bounty, studying the life of Abraham, Sarah and their contemporaries. *Finding Your Promise* is an invitation from God to come, gather perspective, and be refreshed, rehydrated, and ready to keep walking through life's seasons. It offers fresh application for our own souls and fresh understandings for our own journey.



For more information, see Judy Schaner, Mary Hamm, Michelle Kemp or Lyn Rich.



Activity Group

This will be our last meeting of the season (year). We will not meet in July and August.

Join us for a picnic on Thursday, June 16, at 12 noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided. Please bring salad, dessert, or any dish to complete lunch.

Bring a friend!

Enjoy the summer. See you September.

Shirley Haberman

YOUTH GROUP

Happenings

With the High School Youth Group set to start up in the Fall, we are planning some warm-up events throughout the summer! In June, we will heading to Sky Zone! In July, we will attend Kingdom Bound at Darien Lake! More details to follow!

If you are interested in either of these events, contact John and Allyson Mion at church or by email: Gbmion@hotmail.com.

~John Mion



Dunkirk Camp & Conference Center
**Flea Market, Yard Sale, Craft Fair
& Farmer's Market**

June 3, 4 & 5



I read an article by Tony Robinson that I thought I would pass on, it was titled: **"You Haven't Got What It Takes"**... with that being said, scripture to add is ***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you."*** - Acts 1: 8

He states: "It's graduation season. Caps and gowns, pomp and circumstance. Smiles and degrees. A huge sense of expectation held at bay with alcohol. And the speeches. The commencement speakers tell the young, "You're amazing. You're awesome. You've got what it takes. You're the best and the brightest, the leaders for a new generation." Which would drive any sane person to drink.

I wonder how graduation might go if the speaker said, "Listen, not gonna lie to you, you actually don't have what it takes. Neither do I. Nor do all the professors here arrayed before you. If you're feeling a little anxious today, good. You should be. But listen, you and I aren't left to our own resources alone. There's an amazing holy power at work in the world. A power that God pours out on those who ask, those who trust. No, despite what the college says, you ain't all that, but God is."

Our text for today, Ascension Day, is another sort of "graduation." Only it's Jesus who is flying up. In the forty days since the resurrection he has been teaching and preparing the apostles. Now, he's leaving and entrusting the new chapter to them.

He doesn't say, "You've got what it takes." Sort of the opposite. He says, you haven't got what it takes ... you need to wait, to wait for the Holy Spirit to come upon you."

There are many times, and big moments in our lives, when we wonder if we are up to the challenge, up to what lies ahead. Do we have what it takes to do the things the world needs doing? The tendency is to suck it up and tell ourselves, or for others to tell us, "Don't worry, you've got what it takes."

It would be truer and wiser counsel to say, "Don't be ridiculous -- you actually don't have what it takes and neither do I. But God does. God has the power you will need and he will not refuse to lend. Ask for the power you need, and wait for its coming. It will come, I promise."

Please pray for all the beautiful, hopeful and trembling graduates, that they will trust in the Lord and seek Him out first before each life challenge. Amen.

I would also like to thank each of the teachers, leaders and students (youth & adult) for their participation in this past school year of our Christian education program. God is Good!

Blessings to you all...very excited for more to come in summer & this fall!

Submitted by Director of Christian Education – Margie Phillips

Churches In Action

WORK WEEKEND update

Dear Friends in Christ,

Churches in Action volunteers recently completed our 20th work weekend. This year's project took place at Jericho Road's Vive facility at 50 Wyoming Avenue in the city of Buffalo.

Vive works with refugees who are following the legal process to either become United States citizens or Canadian citizens. Vive is located in an old Catholic school building. The facility houses families and individuals from many different countries, such as Zimbabwe, Cuba, Angola, Afghanistan, Nigeria, and China.

Here are a list of projects we worked on:

- The kitchen was professionally cleaned
- Put new stair treads on 50+ stairs
- Hung 25 sets of new curtains
- Painted the dining room and three very long hallways
- Installed chair rails
- Hung 25+ sheets of drywall
- Built a hanging wall in the dining room
- Completed numerous other small projects
- We also provided bus transportation to the zoo for the children as well as activities including face painting and crafts.



Through your donations, Churches in Action spent approximately \$10,000 on supplies and materials that were used.

When I think about the work weekend, what we did was not nearly as important as the fellowship that we had. The refugees worked side-by-side with CIA volunteers. We learned about the refugees, not just where they came from but who they are.

They are photographers in their country, physical therapists, accountants, and other educated citizens. They were forced by circumstance to have to start over in a new country, and they chose ours. They are patiently going through the long process of becoming a green-card holding member of the work force.

In the past 20 years, the CIA has worked at many different facilities serving the poor and displaced. The level of skill, combined with a strong work ethic of the refugees we met, will stick with me for years to come.

To all that volunteered, prayed, and have made donations to Churches in Action, thank you for the blessings we were able to share with others.

Peace,
Russell Rich



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**Friends of Night People**

Our next outreach will be Wednesday, June 1. Please sign up to volunteer!

If you have questions, contact Tom Schaner (646-0368).

Your donations of clothes, toiletries, and children's books will be delivered on the day we serve.

Monthly Food Drive

On the first Sunday of the month, we welcome you to bring in nonperishable food items for the UPC Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. If you'd like to take a turn delivering the food during the week, please sign up on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall.

*Caring for you ...*

Stephen Ministers: Stephen Ministers provide confidential one-to-one Christian care to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray and provide emotional and spiritual support on a weekly basis to hurting people. Questions? Contact Lyn Rich or Cheryl Larson.

Caregivers: Do you or someone you know need a Caregiver service—a ride to a doctor's appointment? a home cooked meal? house or yard work? Call Karen Kaitanowski or the church office. If you are interested in being a caregiver, please fill out a form found on the bulletin board near the Fellowship Hall or call Karen (649-7824).

Support Through Prayer

Circle Prayer - Join in the circle of prayer at 9am in the Parlor. (Sunday School classes follow at 9:15.)

Prayer Chain - Call Rev. Bill (336-596-1868), Dolly Errington (823-6210), Jane Duewiger (649-2085) or text Lyn Rich (863-8636) to begin the chain of texts/phone calls to those committed to pray when they receive the request. Text/call Lyn if you'd like to be a link in the prayer chain.



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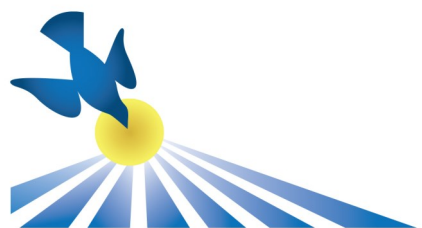


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 AA 10:30 SIMPLIFY Adult Bible Study 7 PM Folk Group 7-9 PM	2 Praise Band 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	3 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM	4 DCCC Yard Sale/Farmer's Market
5  Confirmation Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 Reception to follow worship	6 Spiritual Life 7:00 PM	7 BCE 7:00 PM	8 AA 10:30 Folk Group 7-9 PM	9 Praise Band 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	10 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM	11 UCC Annual Conference (Rochester)
12  Youth SUNDAY SS 9:15 AM Worship 10:30 Teacher's Apprec. & Schueler Scholarship	13 Church Council 7:00 PM	14 Stephen Ministry 4:00 PM	15 AA 10:30 Folk Group 7-9 PM	16 Praise Band 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM	17 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM	18
19  Happy Father's Day Last day of Sunday School 9:15 AM Worship 10:30	20  Women's Bible Study 7:00 PM	21	22 AA 10:30 Folk Group 7-9 PM	23	24 Men's Bible Study 7:30 AM	25
26  Outdoor Summer Worship 9 AM (Pavilion)	27	28 Quilter's Anon. 7:00 PM (FH)	29 AA 10:30 Folk Group 7-9 PM	30		

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Our church building is fully accessible.

No matter where you are in your life's journey, you are welcome here!